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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

***Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service; Petition for FCC Agreement
In Redefining the Service Areas of Rural Telephone Companies in the State of South Dakota
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.207(c)
CC Docket No. 96-45***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 30, 2005, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed comments opposing the petition filed by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC), in which the SDPUC asked the Commission to concur in its redefinition of the service areas of certain rural incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs), including Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. hereby supports the comments filed by SDTA and urges the Commission to deny the SDPUC's proposal for redefining Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.'s service area.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerry Heiberger', is written over a horizontal line.

Jerry Heiberger, General Manager

cc: Rolayne Ailts Wiest, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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